HOUSE BILL 3066 By Shepard

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 9 and Title 63, Chapter 12, relative to veterinary medicine.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 9, Part 8, is amended by adding the following language as new, appropriately designated sections:

§49-9-802.

The college of veterinary medicine shall require applicants for its doctor of veterinary medicine program to have successfully completed a minimum of three (3) undergraduate courses in animal sciences that require practical application of such sciences by the student. §49-9-803.

The college of veterinary medicine shall grant preference in admission to its doctor of veterinary medicine program to applicants:

- (1) Who have an agricultural background; or
- (2) Who have demonstrated interest in practicing food animal medicine.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-12-115(b), is amended by deleting the language "chemistry and" and by substituting instead the language "chemistry, food animal medicine and".

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2006, the public welfare requiring it.